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HELLO, DUNYA.

JAFAR, DID YOU SEE MY BROTHER?

SEHARA? HE'S PROBABLY WITH SHAHRYAR.

WANT TO COME WITH?

SHAHRYAR? ARE YOU IN HERE?

HM?

I WANT TO SEE THE OCEAN.

SHAHRYA-RRRRRR!!

WILL THE PALACE BE ALL RIGHT IN YOUR ABSENCE?

타각 CLIP

타각 CLOP

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID I NEEDED TO GET OUT.

타각 CLIP

AND IT'S BETTER FOR JAFAR TO DO MY JOB FOR NOW.

타각 CLOP

YOU...REALLY TRUST JAFAR.

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS DAMN COUNTRY!

JAFAR PROTECTS ME FROM SLY POLITICIANS...

...AND MASERU PROTECTS ME FROM ENEMIES AND ASSASSINS.

YOU, SEHARA, PROTECT ME FROM MYSELF.

CAN YOU PROMISE ME...

...THAT YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BY MY SIDE TO PROTECT ME?

YES.

KRSSSSHHH

WHOOOOO...!

SULTAN SHAHRYAR!

SPLOOSH

자작 STUNNED .....

BLUB BLUB

WOOSH

SULTAN SHAHRYAR!

SPLOOSH SPLOOSH

REFRESHING...

?

GO FOR IT!

GUOOOH!

GURESH!*

OH YEAH!

*A TRADITIONAL WRESTLING-STYLE GAME IN WHICH COMBATANTS SLATHER OLIVE OIL ON THEIR BODIES. TO WIN, ONE MUST MAKE HIS OPPONENT'S SHOULDERS TOUCH THE GROUND.

LET'S WRESTLE.

WHY DON'T YOU WRESTLE MASERU?

THAT'S IT!

HE'LL BEAT ME FOR SURE!

AND YOU'LL BEAT ME FOR SURE!

TAKE DOWN!

THEN YOU'D JUST WATCH ME LOSE?

THINKS?! FOR REAL?!

.....

WINNER!

READY...

HWOO-

FIGHT!

HWOO-

SSSH

AH!

YOUR STORYTELLING SKILLS WON'T HELP YOU HERE...SHOW ME WHAT YOU'VE REALLY GOT!

ARE YOU A MAN?

GRN

HA-YAAA!

OHHH...YOU'RE REALLY GOING FOR IT? THEN I'LL FIGHT FOR REAL.

FFFT

WHAT... WHAT'RE YOU DOING? PEOPLE ARE WATCHING!

THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK THE OIL IS FOR?

EH?

GET IN THERE! DEEPER! DEEPER!

HARDER!

TAKE HIM DOWN!

PUT YOUR HIPS INTO IT!

.....

I...
GIVE UP

YOU DON'T GET OFF THAT EASY!

JUST TRY TO WALK AWAY FROM THIS MATCH!

WHOOMPT

PUFF PUFF

HA-HA-HA...I'M OBVIOUSLY OUT OF SHAPE...

HUH?

WHAT'S WITH THE SHEEP? SOME KIND OF PRIZE?

NOD

DID YOU COMPETE?

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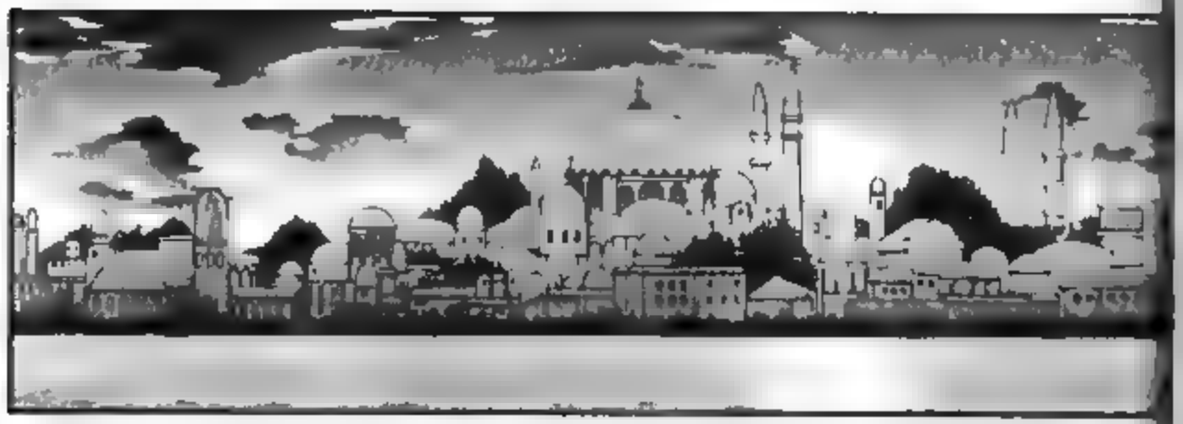
HOW DARE THEY! THEY DECIDED THE WINNER WITHOUT ME..

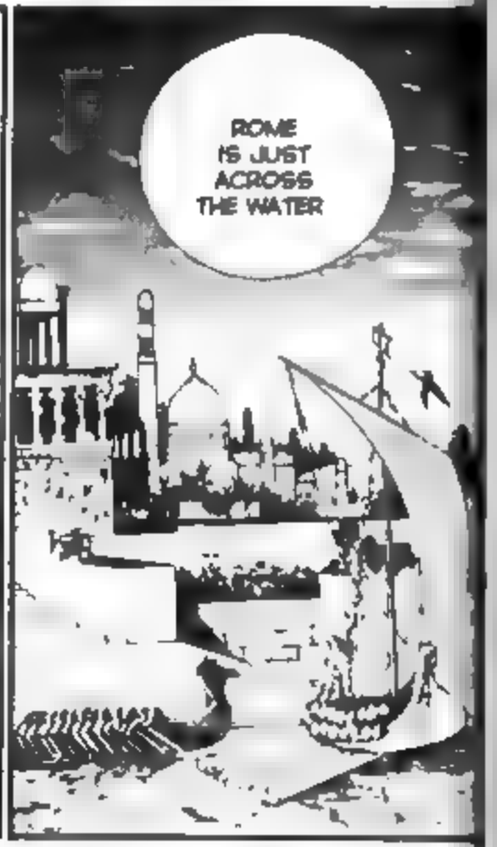
SMART CHOICE!

THAT WAS FUN, NO?

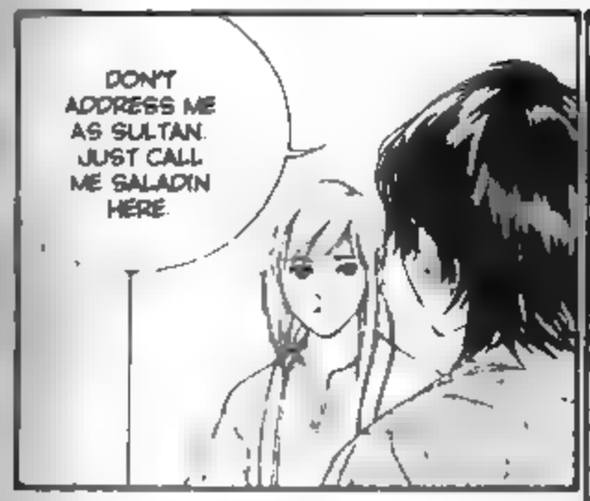
NO



LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE FROM THE WEST


ROME IS JUST ACROSS THE WATER

I'M COVERED WITH SAND AND OIL.
LET'S WASH UP.
HITCH UP THE LAMBS


DON'T ADDRESS ME AS SULTAN. JUST CALL ME SALADIN HERE.

DO YOU GO OUTSIDE THE PALACE OFTEN?

A SULTAN NEEDS TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE

IT'S ALL BECAUSE THAT CURSED SHAHRYAR BECAME THE SULTAN!

PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, MISTRESS AISHA.

I DON'T CARE WHO HEARS ME!

YES, INSTEAD OF TAKING IN WIDOWS*, HE KIDNAPS VIRGINS AND KILLS THEM THE NEXT DAY!

TREMBLE...

*IN ISLAMIC CULTURE, MARRYING A WIDOW IS CONSIDERED AN ACT OF CHARITY SIMILAR TO ADOPTING AN ORPHAN.

I MAY BE A CHILD, BUT I KNOW SHAHRYAR IS A PERVERT AND A TYRANT!

MAYBE HE'S A LOUSY LOVER AND DOESN'T WANT THOSE GIRLS TO TALK!

HA! HA! HA! HA!

CRACK

CREEEAK

THE PRETTY GIRL SPEAKS THE TRUTH.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT MY THREE DAUGHTERS.

I COULDN'T DENY A THING THEY SAID...

PEOPLE CAN CHANGE. IT'S ALL IN THE PAST.

CAN THEY TRUST ME?

WHEN I THINK ABOUT WHAT I'VE DONE...

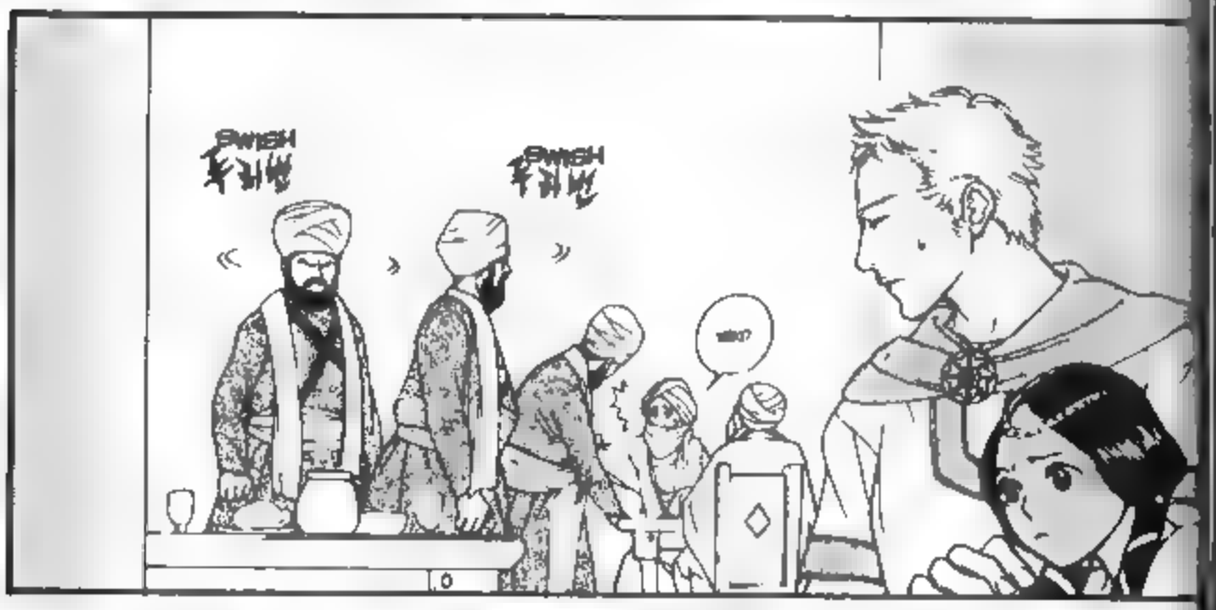
I TRUST YOU!

EVEN IF NO ONE ELSE BELIEVES IN YOU...

...I BELIEVE IN YOU.

CHUD

AHH! THAT HURTS!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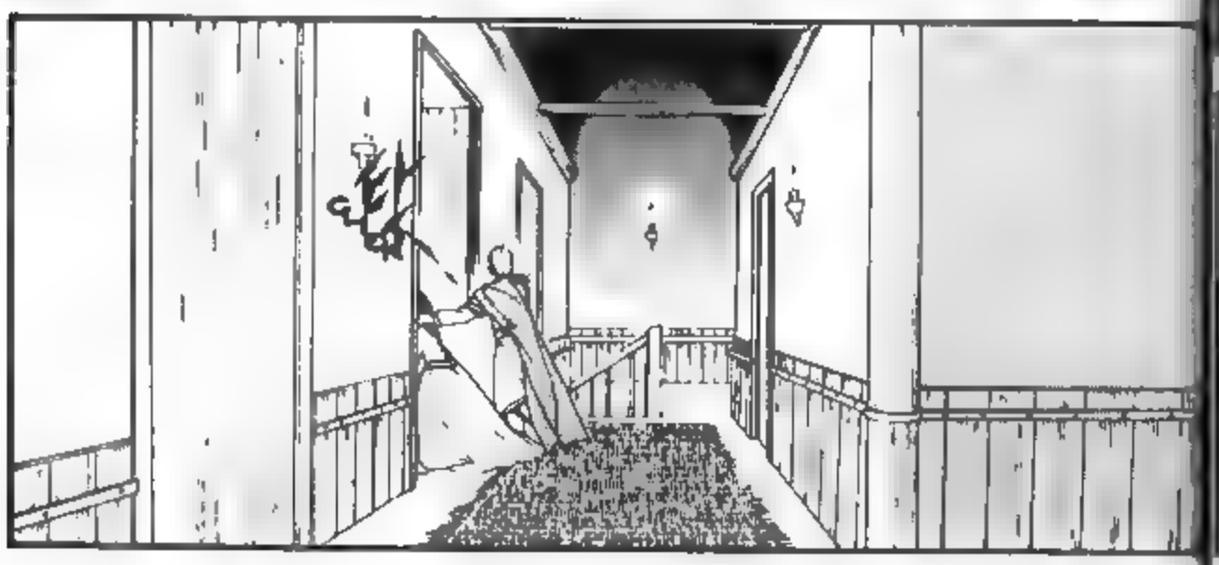

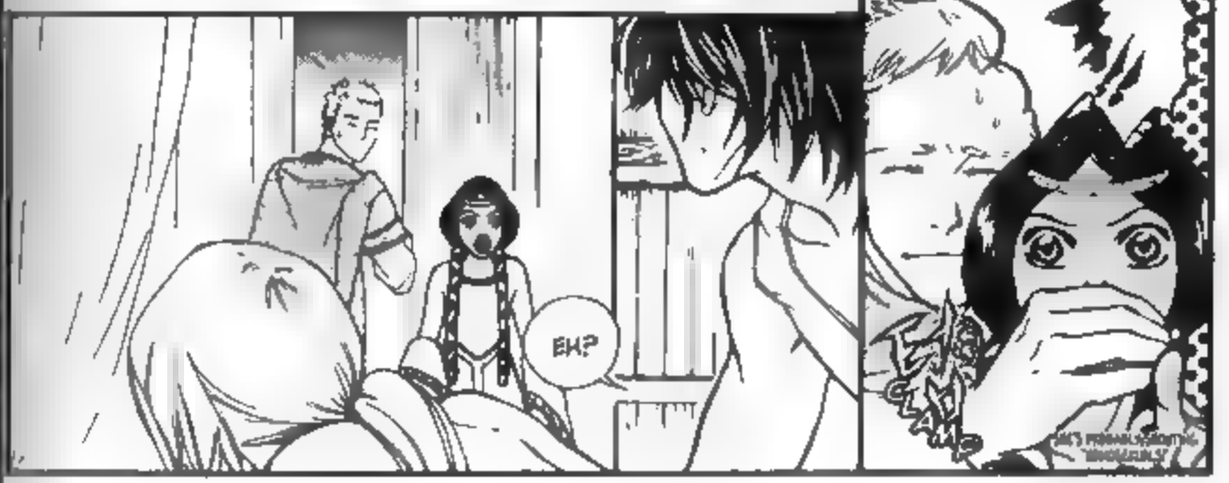
EH?

AND THEN?

EEK!

WHAT THE—?

MMF!

MM!

BAA BAA BAA

CHUD

GET OUT!

SO SORRY!

BUT THE OWNER SAID TWO MEN CHECKED INTO THAT ROOM. P

THEY'RE GONE.

PHEW.

IN ANY CASE, THANK YOU FOR HELPING US OUT. EXCUSE US...

UH...

I'M SO SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU WHILE YOU WERE RESTING...

.....

NOT AT ALL. HE WAS JUST GIVING ME A MASSAGE AFTER THE GURESH CONTEST

ANY PARTICULAR REASON WHY YOU'RE HIDING FROM THOSE MEN?

LEAVE THE STRANGERS BE. IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

YOU SAID YOU NEED TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE!

HMPH.

AH-HA! THE TWO WHO WRESTLED UNTIL THE SUN SET!

SUSPICION DEEPENS

YOU SAW US...?

.....

.....

YOU RAN AWAY FROM HOME?

.....

THEN...WHO IS THIS?

I'M MISTRESS AISHA'S TUTOR. CALL ME ALEX.

WHY'S THAT MAN HERE?

WHAT KIND OF TUTOR NOT ONLY FAILS TO STOP A RUNAWAY, BUT ALSO JOINS HER?

AISHA, WAS IT?

THINK OF ALEX. HE'LL BE CALLED A KIDNAPPER

.....

IF IT WASN'T FOR THAT DAMN SHAHRYAR...

FWOO-

-OOSH

?!

SHUDDER

HEY

YOU KEEP CURSING THE SULTAN.

MY APOLOGIES.

WHY DO YOU BLAME THE SULTAN?

YOU MAY BE ONLY A CHILD, BUT MIND HOW YOU SPEAK OF THE SULTAN!

.....

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, FATHER?

SURELY YOU'VE HEARD HOW THE SULTAN WEDS VIRGINS AND THEN KILLS THEM?

MARIA FROM NEXT DOOR IS DISGUISED AS A BOY AND IS CALLING HERSELF KASHIM.

.....

I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A SON, REMEMBER?

AISHA IS ENOUGH...

YOUR POINT IS?

WELL...

...WE THINK YOU SHOULD GET MARRIED BEFORE THE SULTAN CALLS YOU TO HIS HAREM.

EEKK!!

KOOM!!

WHAAAT?

WE FOUND A GOOD HUSBAND FOR YOU. HE'S RICH.

AND HE'S FROM A GOOD FAMILY

UM... THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT!

I'M TOO YOUNG TO MARRY. I'M ONLY TWELVE..

OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

HE'S YOUNGER THAN YOU.

YOUNG MEN MAKE THE BEST HUSBANDS. WHEN YOU'RE THIRTY, HE'LL BE TWENTY-FOUR

THEN... HE'S ONLY SIX NOW?

TING

OH, YOU LIKE YOUNG MEN, EH?

YOU'RE STILL LIKE A 20-YEAR-OLD, MY LOVE. ♡

BETTER TO MARRY A YOUNG BOY THAN DIE YOUNG YOURSELF.

AISHA?

FWOOSH

FWOOSH

HELL NO!!

SCREAM

AHHH

.....

PEOPLE SAY SHAHRYAR KILLED ALL THE UNMARRIED WOMEN IN BAGHDAD AND HAS NOW TAKEN A SHE-MALE LOVER!

THE SULTAN IS A PERVERT WHO WILL SLEEP WITH ANYONE!

여성 WOMEN
남성 MEN
실외 OUTDOORS
실내 INDOORS
젊은 YOUNG
늙은 OLD
상 TOP
하 BOTTOM

YOU RAN AWAY FOR LOVE?

YES! YES!

I MAY BE YOUNG, BUT I'VE FOUND THE IDEAL MAN TO BE MY HUSBAND.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE IN MY POSITION, SIR?

UH... "SIR"?

THEN... MA'AM...?

IS HE OKAY? HE DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD

HE'S BEEN INSULTED. I SHOULD THINK ABOUT A STORY TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER

THE KORAN PERMITS A WOMAN TO REFUSE MARRIAGE.

WHY NOT TELL YOUR PARENTS THE TRUTH?

I WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY SOMEDAY ANYWAY.

I JUST HAD TO EXECUTE MY PLAN A LITTLE EARLIER

?

I'M GOING TO MARRY MASTER ALEX WHEN WE GET TO ROME.

BAA!

OH MURMUR

OH MURMUR

PERFECT FOR THE MILITARY.

SO DO YOU THINK WE CAN HELP...

OH MURMUR

.. THOSE TWO FROM LAST NIGHT?

HELP THEM WHAT?

SHE IS MERELY A STARRY-EYED CHILD.

HE IS A WEAK TUTOR BEING DRAGGED AROUND BY A LITTLE GIRL.

AND YOU WANT ME TO HELP THEM?

ELOPE.

ELOPE?! HUH?!

I HEAR IT ISN'T EASY TO GET PASSAGE ON A SHIP...

YOU CAN EASILY PAY THEIR WAY.

THINK ABOUT HER PARENTS.

TO THEM, THEIR DAUGHTER'S TRUSTED TUTOR KIDNAPPED HER

IF HE HAD TAKEN SOMEONE I LOVED..

YOU WOULD KILL HIM?

STOP TALKING NONSENSE..

...LET'S GO TAKE A BATH.

THIS IS NICE...

...

FOR ROMANS, A BATH-HOUSE WAS A PLACE TO SOCIALIZE AND EXCHANGE IDEAS

HUH. FOR ME, A BATHHOUSE IS FOR HOUSING BATHS...

*A LONG TIME AGO IN ATHENS...*

DO YOU KNOW THE ROMANS CREATED THE HAMAM!*?

?

*...THERE LIVED A FUNNY BUT WISE MAN WHO ENJOYED TALKING ABOUT PHILOSOPHY WITH BEAUTIFUL BOYS IN THIS KIND OF BATHHOUSE OR GYMNASIUM.

*HIS NAME WAS—

*WAIT!*

*TRADITIONAL STEAM BATHHOUSE. ALL THE OLD ISLAMIC CITIES HAD A HAMAM ALONG WITH A MARKET AND AN INN.

WHAT?

YOU WERE TRYING TO TELL ME A STORY WHILE I WAS RELAXING

Y-YES?

IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME, ISN'T IT? IF YOU WANT SOMETHING FROM ME, YOU TELL ME A STORY TO MAKE ME FEEL BAD. AND IN THE END, YOU GET WHAT YOU WANT! THAT'S YOUR TRICK, ISN'T IT?

BUT..

SHHH!

DON'T SAY A WORD.

ENOUGH.

.....

AHHH! YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY!

DIDN'T WE LEAVE THE PALACE TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER?

NOTHING MAKES ONE FEEL BETTER THAN HELPING OTHERS.

AREN'T YOU NICE? THEY DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR HELP! WH ARE YOU SO INTEN ON GETTING INVOLVED?

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.

BECAUSE YOU CAUSED THEIR PROBLEM.

SO WHAT?

WHAP

TSK!

DISRESPECT ME AGAIN...

...AND I'LL KILL YOU.

IF YOU WANT PEOPLE TO TRUST YOU...

...YOU HAVE TO EARN IT!

AT LEAST WE GOT PASSAGE ON A SHIP LEAVING NEXT WEEK.

THE ONLY PROBLEM IS WE SPENT ALL OUR MONEY TO GET ON THAT SHIP.

THOSE MEN FROM YESTERDAY HAVE A SLAVE. THEY MUST BE RICH...

YES, BUT...

I'M GOING TO CHECK IT OUT.

MURMUR

MURMUR

MURMUR

فَاتَّبِعُوا عَلِيًّا سَبِيلًا

"A TUTOR WHO KIDNAPPED A LITTLE GIRL...

...HE WILL BE STONED TO DEATH UPON CAPTURE."

WHAT DID IT SAY?

WE HAVE TO LEAVE NOW

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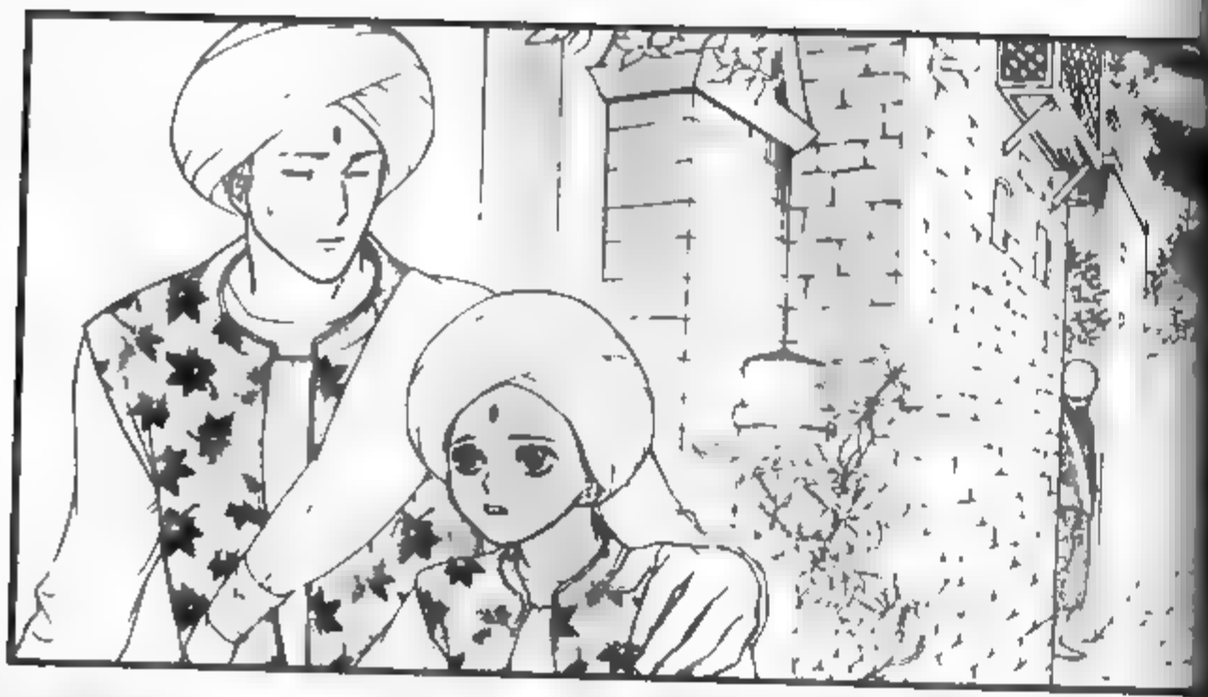

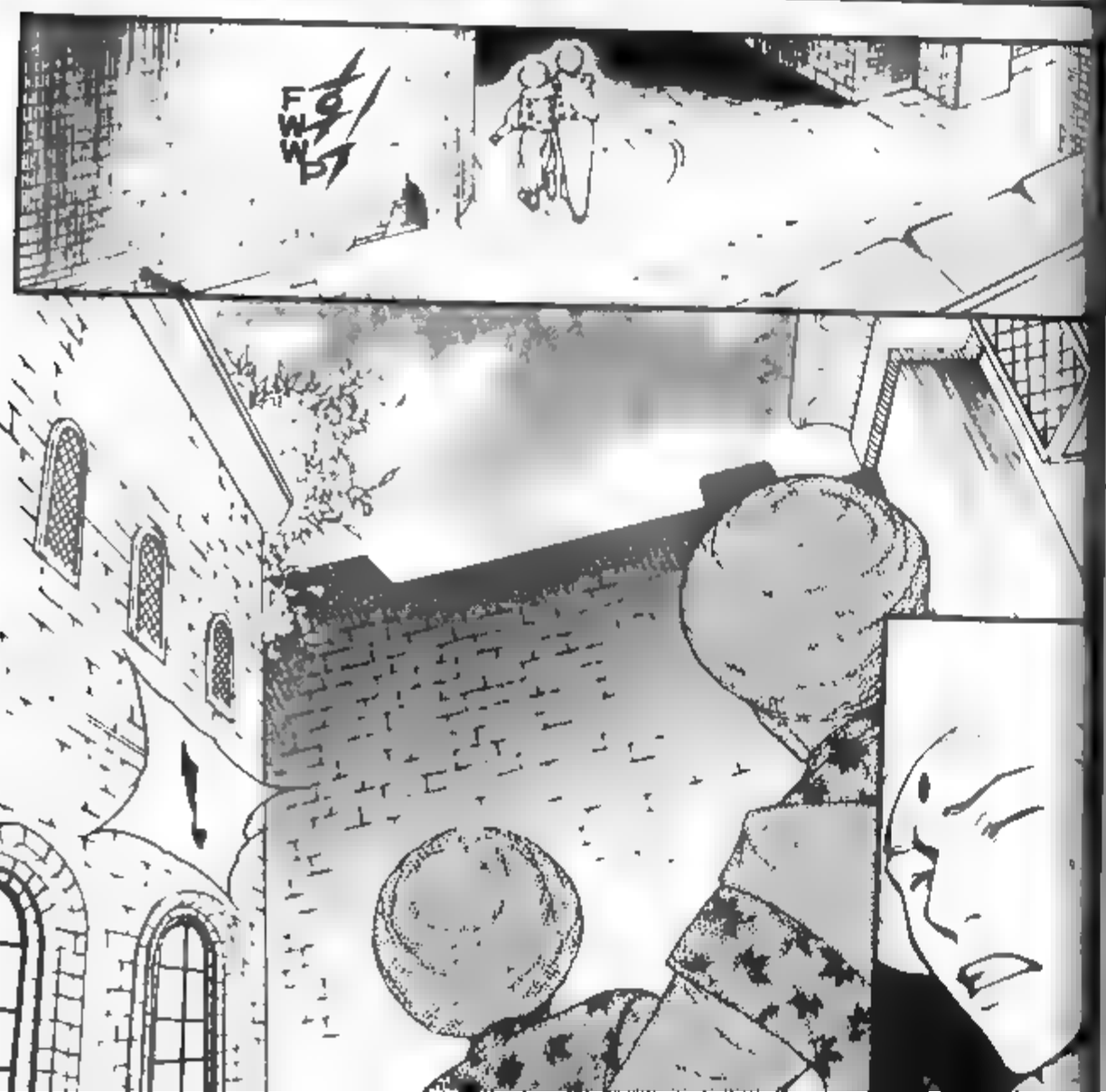
FOWP!

WHUMP
AIEEE!

MASTER ALEX!

A-AISHA...

BAAAAA

WHO THE HELL ARE— URK!

GRAB

HNOOF

YOU BASTARD!

YIKES!

.....

...

EK BUMP

!

HIYAH! IS THIS A FIGHT, MASERU?

HUH? THE KIDNAPPER AND THE RUNAWAY GIRL...

WHAT?

YOU'RE AN ACCOMPLICE NOW

.....

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

MASTER ALEX IS ON THE WANTED LIST AS A KIDNAPPER.

.....

WE DON'T REGRET WHAT WE DID.

.....

I'LL HELP YOU HIDE UNTIL YOUR SHIP SAILS.

BUT... WHY DO YOU WANT TO HELP US?

I'M HELPING SOMEONE ELSE BY HELPING YOU.

?

YOU...

WHY RISK EVERYTHING FOR THAT YOUNG GIRL?

HA! LOVE?

BECAUSE I LOVE HER, AND I WANT HER TO BE HAPPY.

IF YOU SAY SO...

YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN LOVE...

...SULTAN SHAHRYAR?

!

WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS ALEXIOS...

SEVEN YEARS AGO...

.. I WAS A PRIEST DURING THE CRUSADES.

THAT WAR ..

..WAS STARTED IN THE NAME OF GOD AND THE BIBLE.

WE HAD BLIND FAITH WHEN WE FIRST ENLISTED IN THE WAR, BUT..

WHEN PEOPLE STARTED SUFFERING FROM THIRST AND HUNGER IN THE DESERT

..ALL THAT WAS HOLY ABOUT OUR CRUSADE WAS FORGOTTEN...

AND THE MURDERING AND PLUNDERING OF TOWNS BEGAN...

IT WAS NO LONGER A HOLY WAR

IT WAS JUST A VICIOUS FIGHT TO SURVIVE

THEY...

NO, WE...

WE EVEN KILLED CHRISTIANS...

...WHO WENT AGAINST US.

...KILLED PAGANS NO MATTER HOW YOUNG OR OLD.

I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN.

YES...

I SAW YOU...

...IN HELL.

*WE WERE ALREADY IN TROUBLE BECAUSE OF HUNGER AND THIRST...*

*...SO WE WERE HELPLESS EVEN AGAINST AN ARMY LED BY A SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD.*

I WANTED TO DIE SOMEWHERE PEACEFUL, SO..

I RAN AS FAR AWAY FROM THAT HELL AS MY FEET WOULD TAKE ME.

I MADE IT TO SOMEONE'S GARDEN AND WAITED THERE TO DIE.

I DIDN'T KNOW.

..IF I WOULD GO TO HEAVEN OR HELL..

..OR SIMPLY FADE FROM THIS WORLD.

I'D STOPPED FEELING THE PAIN OF MY WOUNDS..

..AND WAS BEGINNING TO SLIP AWAY WHEN..

I EXPECTED HER TO RETURN WITH SOMEONE TO FINISH ME OFF.

INSTEAD..

..THE LITTLE ANGEL CAME BACK AS IF SENT BY GOD SO THAT I COULD HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO LIVE.

AFTER THE WAR, YOU WERE HAILED AS A HERO...

...AND I WAS MADE AISHA'S TUTOR

YOU BETRAYED THE FAMILY WHO RESCUED YOU.

THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

THE DAY YOU BECAME THE SULTAN...

...PEOPLE REJOICED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THEIR HERO WOULD RULE WISELY

BUT YOU BETRAYED THAT BELIEF

NOW, PEOPLE LIVE IN THE COUNTRY OF THE CRUEL SULTAN.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE...

...TO BE BETRAYED BY A LOVED ONE?

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TODAY.

...

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

SIR, THERE'S A SMELL COMING FROM THE WELL.

IS IT THE OCEAN?

HUH? THAT'S NOT RIGHT...

DOESN'T IT SMELL LIKE BLOOD?

I CAN'T SMELL ANYTHING.

HMM 갸우뚱

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WAKE UP.

WE'RE GOING BACK TO BAGHDAD.

I'M NOT GOING.

DO WHATEVER YOU WANT

SHUDDER

TOK
TOK
TOK
TOK
WHA-
-CHUD
DON'T MOVE
THANK YOU

EEK
EEK

KRRRSHHH

THANKS TO YOU, WE CAN LEAVE HERE SAFELY...

IT WAS MY PLEASURE.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, SEHARA.

BE HAPPY TOGETHER.

PLEASE STOP THE SHIP!

STOP THE SHIP!

KR OF OF SHHH

.....

AISHA...

I'M A ROYAL BARD FOR THE SULTAN, AND HE HAS PROMISED...

...NOT TO CALL ANY MORE WOMEN TO HIS HAREM

THEREFORE...

.....

I...I LOVE MASTER ALEX, AND I WON'T MARRY ANYONE BUT HIM.

WAIT... PLEASE LISTEN TO ME!

IT IS A CAPITAL OFFENSE TO LIE ABOUT WORKING FOR THE SULTAN.

I'M SPEAKING THE TRUTH!

BUT THE SULTAN SENT MEN TO MY HOUSE TO TAKE AISHA TO HIS HAREM.

HUH?

I SAID YOU HAD A FIANCÉ. BUT THEY DIDN'T CARE SO I SAID YOU'D BEEN KIDNAPPED.

TAKE THIS AND GO BEFORE HE FINDS YOU.

FATHER...

ALEX...

...PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY DAUGHTER.

I PROMISE...

...TO PUT HER LIFE ABOVE MY OWN.

I LOVE YOU, FATHER.

BE HAPPY...

...MY DAUGHTER.

WHOOOSH

WE SHOULD THANK THE SULTAN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, SO-CALLED ROYAL BARD?

WE CAN TAKE YOU WHEREVER YOU WISH.

.....

THEY LEFT SEHARA BUT BROUGHT YOU HERE?

BAAAA

. . .

SIGH

THERE YOU ARE

THE GIRL YOU WERE AFTER WAS KIDNAPPED DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?

TRY THIS ROMAN BATH OIL.

WHITLER

IT SMELLS TOO STRONG.

YOU HAVEN'T USED THIS PLACE FOR A WHILE. .

!

SHAHRYAR...

YOU..

ARE YOU OKAY?

SEHARA THE ROYAL BARD HAS RETURNED!

THIS IS THE BATH WHERE...

I'M FINE NOW.

THE STORY YOU WERE TRYING TO TELL ME THE OTHER DAY..

FINISH IT.

YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO HEAR IT

YOU MUST FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED.

.....

ROYAL BARD

YES?

WELL...

...THE STORY IS ABOUT...

NIGHT STORY 5

# SOCRATES IN LOVE

ALCIBIADES WILL BE HERE SOON!

CLANG

CLANG

HOW DO I LOOK?

YOU LOOK SPLENDID.

I MUST LOOK MY BEST FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BOY IN ATHENS.

SHRUG

I SHALL MAKE ALCIBIADES MINE TONIGHT!

A GUEST HAS ARRIVED.

CLENCH

TOK TOK TOK TOK

HURRY UP WITH THE COOKING!

CLANG

OH, MY BEAUTIFUL ALCIBIADES! ♡

FREEZE

.....

EMPTY

ALCIBIADEEEESSS...

QUIVER

QUIVER

WHERE IS HE?

MY MASTER TRULY APPRECIATES YOUR INVITATION.

FREEZE

TI DING

SO WHERE IS HE?

HE'S ASKED IF YOU PROVIDE DELIVERY SERVICE.

HE IS SO... COOL...♡

"HOW MUCH WOULD IT TAKE TO MAKE YOU MINE?" HE SAYS.

DOES HE KNOW HOW RICH I AM? FOOLISH MAN...

IT'S BORING TO EAT ALONE...

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME?

I CANNOT EAT WITH ANITOS' FACE IN MY HEAD.

I COULDN'T SAY NO TO HIM.

I CAN'T REJECT PEOPLE WHO LIKE ME.

.....

MY ERASTES*...

...SHOULD BE SOMEONE WHO HAS SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE.

*IN ANCIENT GREECE, IT WAS COMMON FOR AN "ERASTES" (A RICH, OLDER MAN) TO HAVE AN "EROMENOS" (A YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL BOY) AS HIS LOVER.

WHAT DON'T YOU HAVE?

NOTHING! I'M PERFECT! THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

.....

MASTER ALCIBIADES, MASTER PERICLES IS LOOKING FOR YOU.

DID YOU CALL ME, UNCLE?

YES. HAVE A SEAT.

WE NEED TO TALK.

THE DELIAN LEAGUE IS IN TROUBLE, BUT—

ANYWAY, ARE YOU STUDYING HARD?

YES...

AT YOUR AGE, AMUSING FRIENDS ARE FINE...

THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU...

...BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO HAVE A MENTOR.

.....

I INVITED PROTAGORAS TO ATHENS AS AN ADVISOR. WHY DON'T YOU GO TO HIS LECTURE AND LEARN SOMETHING?

I CAN DO THAT.

PLEASE TAKE MY SONS TO THE LECTURE WITH YOU.

YES.

SOCRATES IS FULL OF HIMSELF BECAUSE HE'S A GOOD DEBATER!

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

PROTAGORAS WILL SHAME THAT SNOB!

SOCRATES?

YOU CHARGE EXORBITANT FEES TO YOUR STUDENTS...

...SO WHAT ARE YOU TEACHING THEM THAT'S WORTH SO MUCH MONEY?

JUST 'CAUSE HE GIVES ME AN ALLOWANCE, HE THINKS HE CAN FORCE ME TO GO TO A STUPID LECTURE!

DO RICH PEOPLE HAVE TO STUDY?

YES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY'RE UGLY

SOCRATES IS CHALLENGING PROTAGORAS!

PSST

PSST

?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.

I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER IT.

I TEACH HOW TO GOVERN YOURSELF BOTH IN AND OUT OF YOUR HOME.

IF SO, THEN IT'S WORTH THE MONEY.

HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT WHILE ONE CAN BE TAUGHT SKILLS...

...YOU CAN'T TEACH SOMEONE VIRTUE.

YOU MEAN YOU TEACH PEOPLE TO BE GOOD CITIZENS.

THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT...

...IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE?

?

TEACHING PEOPLE TO BE GOOD CITIZENS... WONDERFUL.

FOR EXAMPLE, PERICLES IS THE BEST AMONG US TO RULE ATHENS, BUT...

...HIS SONS HAVEN'T INHERITED HIS ABILITY TO BE SUCH A GOOD CITIZEN.

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH PERICLES PAID YOU TO COME TO ATHENS...

.....

...BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN HIS STUPID SONS INTO GOOD CITIZENS TO MAKE IT WORTH HIS WHILE.

WHAT?

MURMUR

BWA-HA-HA-HA!

MURMUR

HE PUBLICLY MOCKED PERICLES!

MURMUR

HE'S CRAZY!

AN AMAZING DEBATE, SOCRATES.

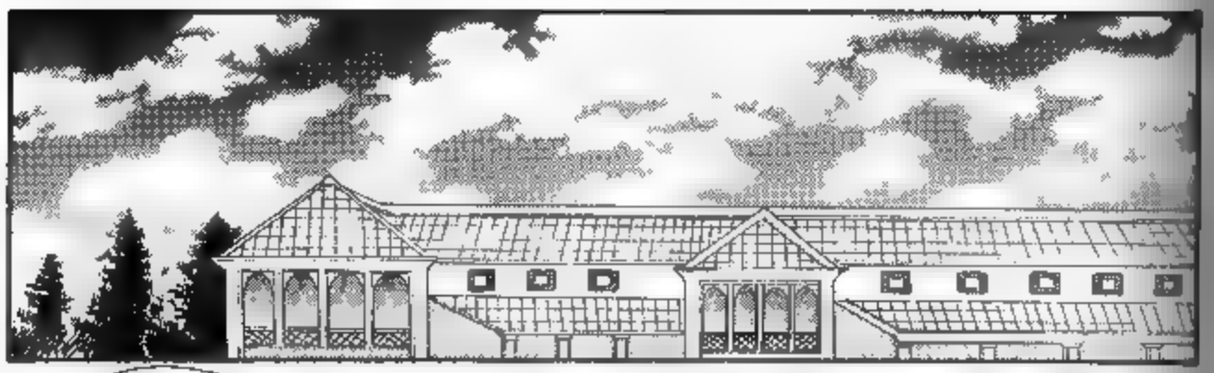
YOU MUST BE ALCIBIADES.

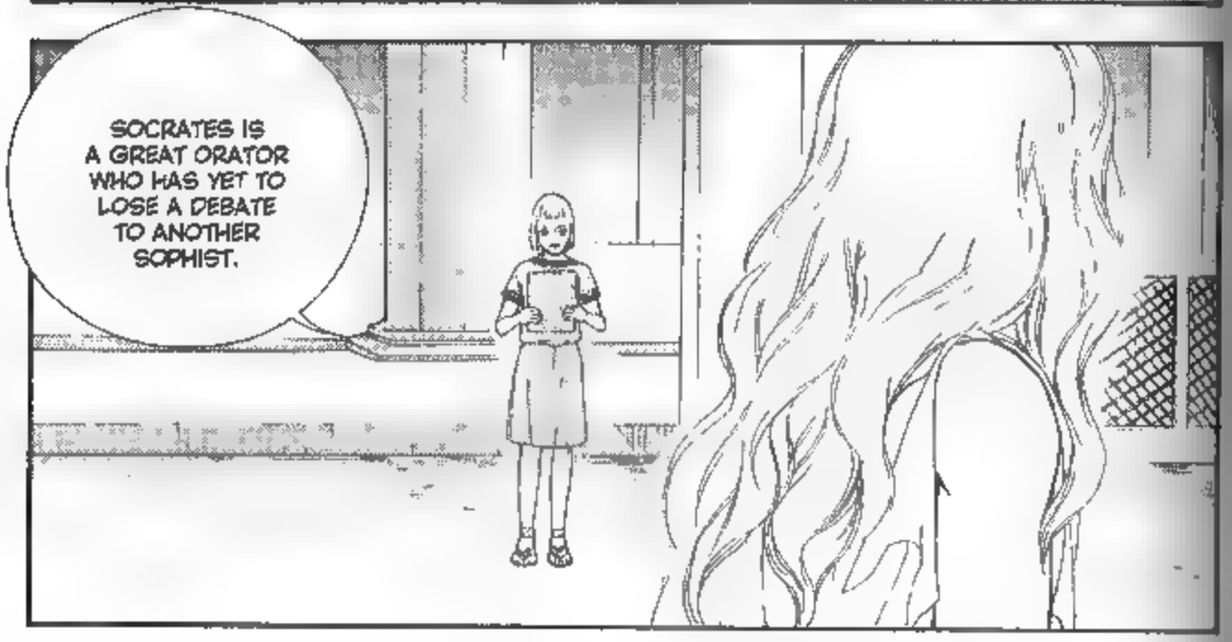
DO YOU KNOW ME?

THE PRETTIEST BOY IN ATHENS?

SO THEY SAY

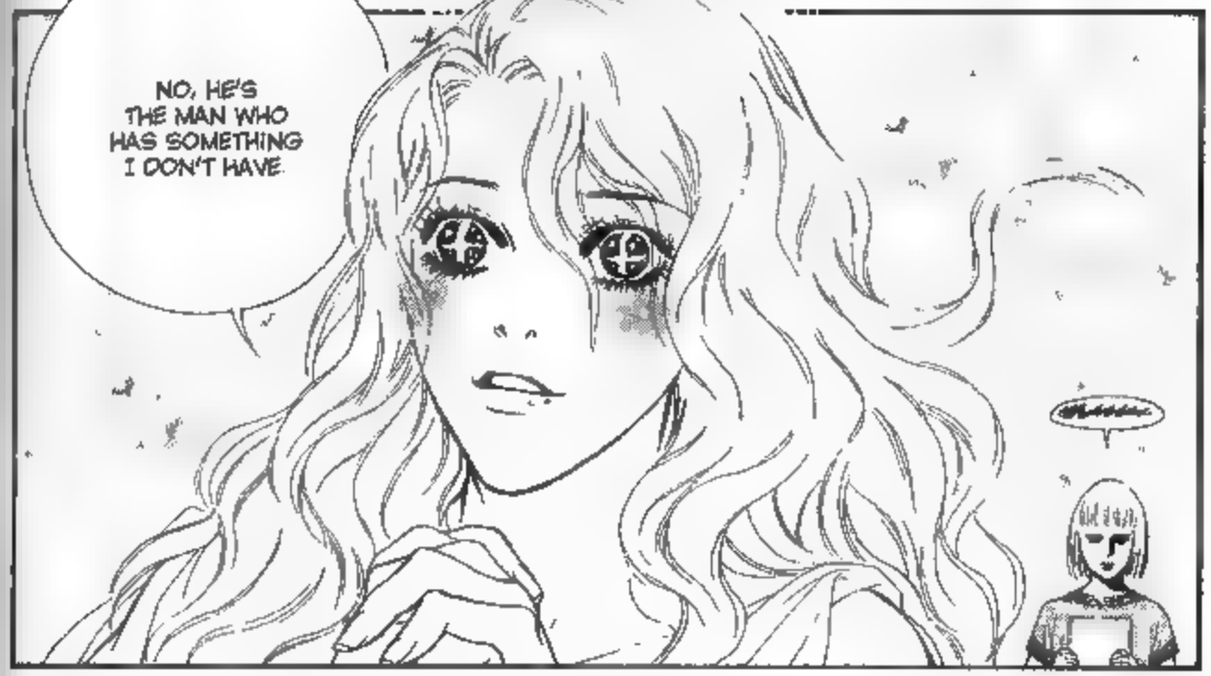
I CAN SEE WHY THEY SAY THAT...



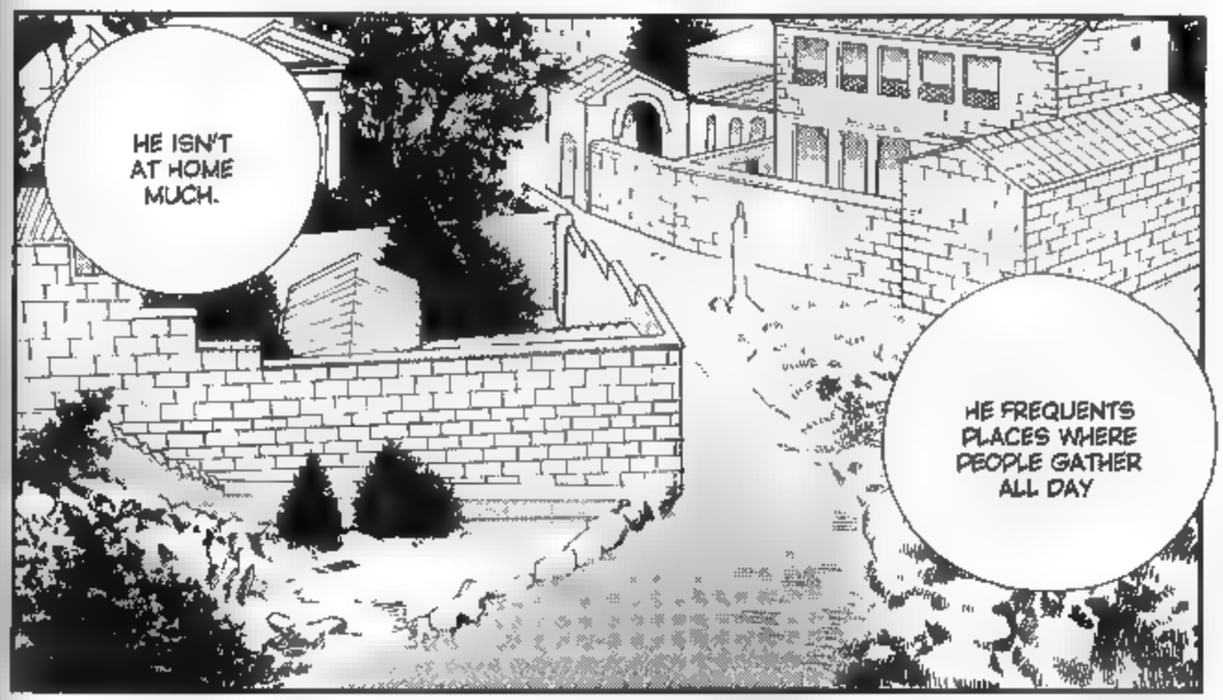

SOCRATES IS A GREAT ORATOR WHO HAS YET TO LOSE A DEBATE TO ANOTHER SOPHIST.

BUT HE DOESN'T HAVE MONEY, DOESN'T WORK, DOESN'T WASH, AND WEARS THE SAME CLOTHES FOR A WHOLE YEAR AND HE DOESN'T WEAR SHOES.

HMM.. HE'S A MORE REMARKABLE MAN THAN I THOUGHT.
IN MY OPINION, HE ONLY WANTS FAME AND NOTHING ELSE.


NO, HE'S THE MAN WHO HAS SOMETHING I DON'T HAVE.

WHERE CAN I SEE HIM?
SWISH


HE ISN'T AT HOME MUCH.
HE FREQUENTS PLACES WHERE PEOPLE GATHER ALL DAY

IS THIS TOO MUCH?

YOU'LL START A TREND.

!

GASP! IT'S ALCIBIADES!

WHERE? WHERE?

OH! THERE!

IS IT REALLY HIM?

YOU'VE NEVER MET HIM?

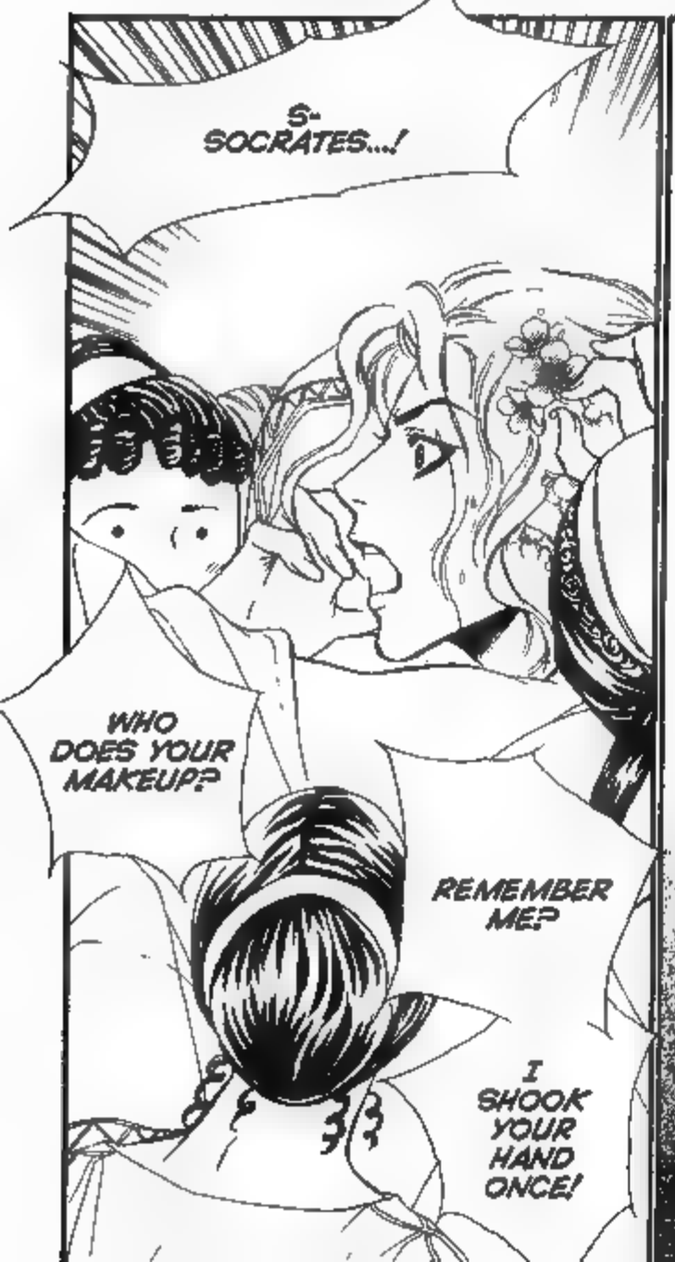
ALCIBIADES! I LOVE YOU!

DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

HE'S A WORK OF ART!

I LOVE THE FLOWERS IN HIS HAIR!

.....
TTF WEE!
TTF WEEE!


S-SOCRATES...!
WHO DOES YOUR MAKEUP?
REMEMBER ME?
I SHOOK YOUR HAND ONCE!

TTF WEEE!
TTF WEE!
.....

YOUR NEW LOOK WILL BE ALL THE RAGE TOMORROW.
HUFF
HUFF
HE JUST LEFT... HOW COULD HE JUST LEAVE?

HOW DARE HE!

I GAVE SOCRATES A CHANCE TO HAVE ME..

FOOL!

...BUT HE ACTED COOL AND ALOOF!

WELL, THAT WILL CHANGE WHEN I MAKE HIM MY SLAVE!

SOCRATES!

CRITIAS. LONG TIME NO SEE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU DON'T WORK OUT...

I CAME FOR THE VIEW.

HMM... I SEE.

POTIDAEA HASN'T PAID TRIBUTE IN MONTHS.

SSKT

SHH

HOK

CHUK

POTIDAEA...

...WANTED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE DELIAN LEAGUE.

SHH-

-HHHK

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PERICLES, WHO IS IN TROUBLE POLITICALLY.

HOW TRUE. HE'S PROBABLY WITH PROTAGORAS RIGHT NOW COMPOSING A "ROUSING" SPEECH IN SUPPORT OF THE WAR AGAINST POTIDAEA.

HWO!

WOOP

SWISH

WHAT?

SPOZ N

SPOZ N

YOU SOUND LIKE QUITE THE POLITICIAN.

STARTING A WAR TO CHANGE NEGATIVE PUBLIC OPINION.

THE SO-CALLED "HERO" PERICLES AND "WISE" PROTAGORAS ARE... USELESS.

CRACK

ATHENS CANNOT MERELY WATCH AS POTIDAEA JOINS WITH SPARTA. WE HAVE TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO OUR ALLIES.

I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF ATHENS, AND MY FIRST VISIT TO ANOTHER COUNTRY WILL BE WHEN I GO TO WAR...THAT'S NO FUN

SMIRK

TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT...

. .RUMOR HAS IT THAT ALCIBIADES IS PURSUING YOU.

IS THAT TRUE?

AND STOP TELLING PEOPLE THAT I'M YOUR TEACHER.

YOU WERE ONLY MY STUDENT AT NIGHT.

HOW COULD YOU BE SO CRUEL?

PEOPLE ARE MORE INTERESTED IN MY LOVE LIFE THAN MY DEBATES.

SO IT IS TRUE THEN!

GRRR

UH...MASTER SOCRATES, YES?

THAT'S RIGHT.

THANK THE GODS. I FINALLY FOUND YOU.

*IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT YOU SEDUCED THIS INNOCENT SOUL, AND NOW YOU'RE GOING AFTER THAT LITTLE BOY?*

DON'T FEIGN JEALOUSY. YOU LEFT ME AFTER YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED.

MASTER ALCIBIADES INVITES YOU TO DINE WITH HIM.

MAY I COME TO DINNER TOO?

THE INVITATION IS ONLY FOR ONE.

HUH!

WHAT'S YOUR SECRET FOR SEDUCING BEAUTIFUL BOYS?

TRUTH BE TOLD, YOU'RE NEITHER HANDSOME NOR RICH...

YOU ASK ME THAT NOW, BUT WEREN'T YOU ONCE MY PAIDIKA?*

BA-BUMP

*GREEK WORD FOR YOUNG MALE LOVER.

IF YOU CAN RIDE THE WILD HORSE, THEN YOU CAN RIDE THEM ALL...

WHO CAN RESIST THAT?

TELL ME EVERYTHING LATER, OKAY?

ABOUT THE DINNER!

OKAY?

WHAT'S TAKING SOCRATES SO LONG?

YOU DIDN'T ASK HIM TO CONFIRM HIS PRESENCE, SIR.

SWISH

WHEN A BEAUTIFUL BOY LIKE ME INVITES AN OLD MAN LIKE HIM...

...YOU DON'T JUST SHOW UP— YOU RUN THERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!

HE GETS ON MY NERVES.

AT LEAST HE DIDN'T REQUEST THE DELIVERY OF FOOD LIKE A CERTAIN SOMEONE.

.....

YES, SIR?

MY CLOTHING IS LOOSE. THE WINE IS FORTIFIED. BUT THE BEST-LAID PLANS...

DIONYSUS! EROS! GRANT ME AN AUDIENCE WITH SOCRATES TODAY!

SORRY I'M LATE. I HAD SOME THINGS TO CONTEMPLATE.

MASTER SOCRATES! WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?

♡

YOU THINK TOO MUCH...

THIS IS ABOUT MY PRIDE. YOU'RE MINE.

CLENCH

HA-HA-HA-HA! YOU'RE QUITE AMUSING!

INTOXICATED. ILLOGICAL. SHAMELESS.

....

I KNOW...

...YOU'RE SMART AND GOOD AT DEBATES, BUT...

.. YOU'RE ALSO INFURIATING, YOU KNOW?

'CAUSE I COULDN'T GET YOU OUT OF MY MIND, I'VE COME TO LIKE YOU!

YOU'RE LIKE A STONE!

STONE?

DID YOU KNOW MY FATHER WAS A STONECUTTER?

HA!

HA-HA-HA! ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE A MARBLE STATUE OR SOMETHING?

I'LL SHOW YOU A STATUE...

SHHK

TNK

TNK

TNK

...

ALCIBIADES..

...YOU SEEM TO BE DRUNK.

IT'S QUITE LATE. I HAVE TO GET HOME...

THANK YOU FOR DINNER.

SOCRATES!

IT'S TOO LATE, SO...

...STAY THE NIGHT.

SOCRATES...

...I HAVE A QUESTION.

DO YOU NOT FIND ME ATTRACTIVE?

I WOULD INCUR THE WRATH OF APHRODITE IF I DENIED HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF NARCISSUS?

THE ONE WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH HIS OWN REFLECTION IN THE WATER?

YES, THE ARROW OF EROS DREW NARCISSUS TO THAT LAKE.

HE WAS REBORN AS A FLOWER. ROMANTIC, NO?

WHAT FLOWER WOULD I BE?

LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, ALCIBIADES.

DWELLING ON THE LOVE THAT OTHERS HAVE FOR YOU CAN BE AS FATAL AS THE ARROW OF EROS.

ALCIBIADES...

..YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL.

YOU'RE SMART...

...YOUR UNCLE IS A POWERFUL MAN..

...AND YOU'RE QUITE WEALTHY

HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THOSE THINGS CAN RUIN YOUR LIFE.

THIS IS WHAT MAKES ME WANT YOU.

TEACH ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW...

...AND I'LL HAPPILY BE YOUR FLOWER AND YOURS ALONE.

ALCIBIADES...

I'M NOT AS WISE AS YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL...

IN TRUTH, I'M AS IGNORANT AS I AM UGLY.

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

THE ONLY THING I KNOW IS THAT I'M STUPID.

YOU KNOW THINGS NO OTHERS DO...

...YOU CAN GIVE ME WHAT NO ONE ELSE CAN.

I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE THAT COULD EQUAL YOUR PRICELESS GIFT.

BUT I CAN HELP YOU AVOID RUIN FROM CONCERNING YOURSELF WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S ADMIRATION.

SOCRATES...

...I WISH YOU COULD STAY WITH ME FOREVER.

AS LONG AS YOU NEED MY HELP

...I WILL PROTECT YOU...

I CAN'T BELIEVE A WISE MAN LIKE SOCRATES DID SUCH A THING.

IT'S NOT LIKE HIM

BACK THEN, GREEKS ADMIRED THE LOVE BETWEEN MEN.

ADMIRED?

FOR THEM, SEX BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN WAS ABOUT PROCREATION...

...WHILE SEX BETWEEN TWO MEN WAS ABOUT KINDRED SPIRITS COMING TOGETHER.

AND WHAT'S WITH THIS BACKGROUND?

YOU'RE TOO EXCITED.

*THIS IS A MOVIE POSTER FOR THE FILM *MR. SOCRATES*.

HMM... KINDRED SPIRITS... THAT'S A GOOD THING, NO?

THIS IS THE STORY OF A DIFFERENT CULTURE

HMM...

?

I'VE REALIZED THE MORAL OF THE STORY!

SNAP

UM... I HAVEN'T FINISHED THE STORY YET.

OKAY, BUT COME HERE FIRST.

RETREAT

AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT KINDRED SPIRITS COMING TOGETHER?

WHOA!

SPLOOSHHH

H-HOW ABOUT TRYING IT WITH MASERU?

WHY, I SHOULD JUST...

WHAT THE HELL.
PLEASE STOP THIS!
WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A FUSS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
MASERU...
SPLASH
SPLASH
ISN'T THIS WHY YOU TOLD THAT STORY?
LET'S GO.
NO, IT ISN'T!
I TOLD YOU, I HAVEN'T FINISHED THE STORY YET!
TO BE CONTINUED IN ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS, VOLUME 6!

# Special Commentary from the Writer JinSeok Jeon

## ONE KIRK PINAR YAGLI GURESH

TRADITIONAL TURKISH WRESTLING IS ALSO KNOWN AS OIL WRESTLING BECAUSE PLAYERS PUT OIL ON THEIR BODIES. THE COMPETITION IS HELD EVERY YEAR, AND THE ULTIMATE WINNER RECEIVES PRIZES SUCH AS MONEY, A GOLD BELT, ETC. EACH WINNER OF EACH WEIGHT CLASS ALSO RECEIVES PRIZES SUCH AS COWS, HORSES, SHEEP, CAMELS, MONEY, GOLD, AND CLOTHES. THIS IS THE REASON MANY YOUNG MEN ENTER THE COMPETITION EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE TO TAKE OFF THEIR SHIRTS AND WEAR TIGHT LEATHER SHORTS DURING THE SUMMERTIME.

MANY JAPANESE WOMEN GO TO TURKEY TO WATCH *GURESH* MATCHES. READERS, WHY DON'T YOU VISIT TURKEY THIS SUMMER?

## TWO KEBOB

THE TRADITIONAL TURKISH FOOD KNOWN AS THE *KEBOB* IS THE WORLD'S FIRST FAST FOOD. TURKISH PEOPLE CAME FROM NOMADIC TRIBES THAT LIVED IN CENTRAL ASIA. THEY NEEDED FOOD THAT WAS QUICK AND EASY TO COOK; THUS, THE *KEBOB* WAS BORN.

COFFEE ALSO ORIGINATED FROM ARAB CULTURE. IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY, CRUSADERS BROUGHT COFFEE TO EUROPE AFTER THE WARS, BUT EUROPEANS BANNED IT INITIALLY BECAUSE IT WAS THE DRINK OF PAGANS. THE STORY GOES THAT A CERTAIN POPE TRIED COFFEE THAT HAD BEEN SMUGGLED INTO ITALY, AND IT THEN BECAME THE DRINK OF CHRISTIANS.

IT'S IRONIC THAT COFFEE AND FAST FOOD ORIGINATE IN THE ARAB WORLD AND THAT THEY ARE AMONG THE SPOILS OF THE CRUSADING ANCESTORS OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND McDONALD'S AND STARBUCKS.

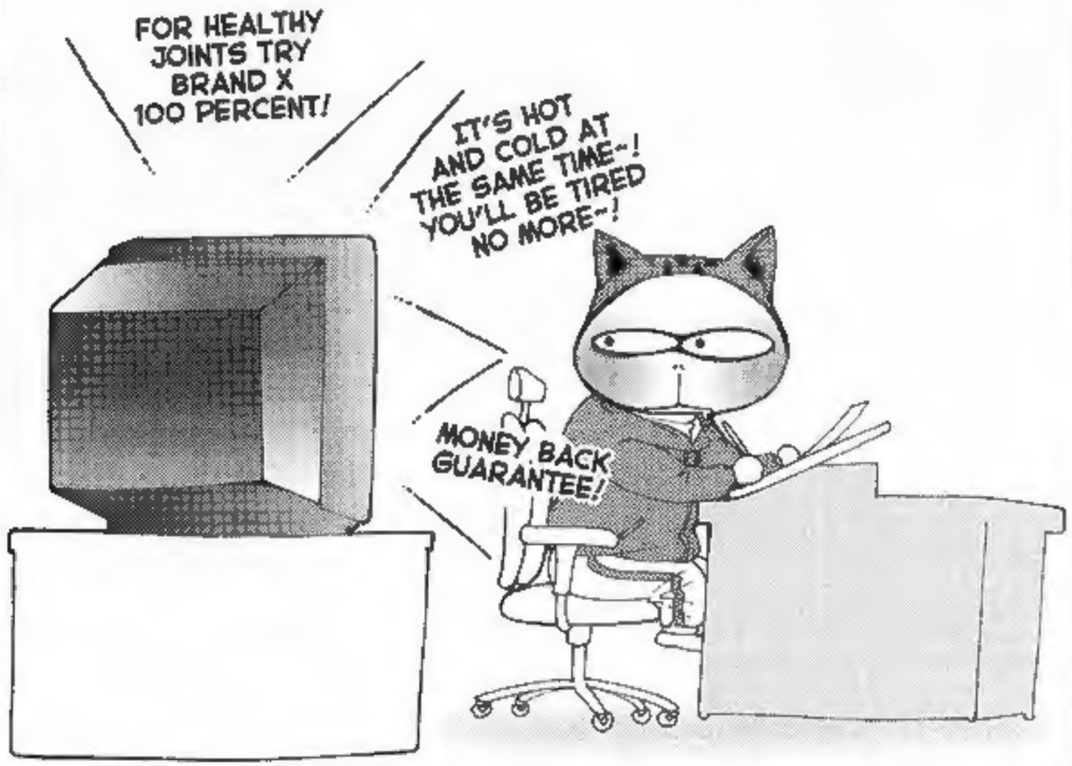
## THREE THE KING AND THE CLOWN *AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF MEN*

I WATCHED *THE KING AND THE CLOWN* NOT LONG AGO. IT WAS VERY SIMILAR TO *ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS*. THE KING IS TRAUMATIZED BY HIS MOTHER'S DEATH AND FEELS HATRED TOWARD HIS FATHER. A BEAUTIFUL BOY TRIES TO HEAL THE KING'S PAIN THROUGH CULTURE. IS IT A COINCIDENCE OR DID THE MOVIE COPY THE MANHWA? IT'S MORE A QUESTION OF THE WORLD WANTING STORIES LIKE THIS.

THE STORY OF HOMOSEXUAL LOVE–ESPECIALLY BETWEEN MEN–SEEMS TO BE GAINING POPULARITY. THERE MUST BE DIFFERENT REASONS FOR THIS, BUT IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, IT'S BECAUSE MEN ARE NOW MARKETABLE. IT'S ALSO A TIME WHEN WOMEN ARE BIG CONSUMERS AND CAN BUY ALMOST ANYTHING THEY DESIRE. SOME MEN MAY THINK THIS IS DEGRADING...BUT THE TABLES HAVE TURNED, AND I LIKE THE FACT THAT MEN ARE JUST AS COMMERCIALIZED NOW.

WHEN I RESEARCHED *GURESH* AND SAW PICTURES OF THOSE WRESTLERS, I SUDDENLY REALIZED THAT I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE MARKETABLE MEN.

*I KEEP THE TV ON WHILE I WORK, AND I'M SO TIRED OF INFOMERCIALS THAT ARE ALWAYS ON. BUT I'M ALSO SURPRISED THAT I FIND MYSELF CONSIDERING PURCHASING THE PRODUCTS BECAUSE THE HOSTS OF THESE SHOWS ARE SO CONVINCING AND STAND BEHIND WHAT THEY SELL 110 PERCENT.*




*I EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT PURCHASING MEN'S DRESS PANTS. --;;*

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